

Application No. 09/809,155
Attorney Docket No.:2000P7500US01

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 4, 6, 9 and 11 in order to correct minor informalities. Applicants hereby elect provisionally claims 1-19 as the first species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim (claim 20) is finally held to be allowable. Claims 21-23 as the second species are hereby provisionally withdrawn (but reinstated upon allowance of a generic claim). Claims 1-23 are believed allowable over the cited references.

Further, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the four separate previously submitted Information Disclosure Statements respectively mailed on June 12, 2001; on June 18, 2002; on July 2, 2002; and on October 8, 2002. If the Examiner does not have such Information Disclosure Statements, Applicants can submit duplicate copies of the same if requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 19-2179.

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